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THE FOREIGN INFORMATION PROGRAM AND OVERT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

1. Foreign information programs in periods of peace and psychological warfare programs in periods of national emergency or war are permanent instruments of national policy and must be continuously directed toward the achievement of national aims. Foreign information activities and related facilities of departments and agencies of the Government comprise the essential elements of a national foreign information program and the essential nucleus for psychological warfare.
2. To achieve continuity between peacetime, national emergency and wartime plans and programs and to provide for the strengthening and coordination of all foreign information and psychological warfare activities:

- a. The Secretary of State shall be responsible for:

- (1) The formulation of policy for a national foreign information program designed to influence foreign attitudes in a direction favorable to the attainment of national aims and including all foreign information activities conducted by departments and agencies of the Government.

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- (2) The formulation of national psychological warfare policy in time of national emergency and the initial stages of war.
- (3) The coordination of plans and policies for the national foreign information program and for overt psychological warfare with appropriate departments and agencies and with related planning.
- (4) The coordination of the implementation of approved plans and policies by appropriate departments and agencies of the Government.
  - b. All departments and agencies of the Government shall insure the most effective coordination and utilization of their appropriate activities and facilities for the implementation of approved plans, policies, and programs.

3. To assist the Secretary of State in securing on an interdepartmental basis the coordination and continuity required by the national foreign information program and plans for psychological warfare, there shall be established within the Department of State an organization to:

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- a. Initiate and develop interdepartmental plans, make recommendations, and otherwise advise and assist the Secretary of State in discharging his responsibilities for the national foreign information program.
- b. Make plans for overt psychological warfare, including recommendations for preparations for national emergency and the initial stages of war. Such plans shall be continuously coordinated with joint war plans through the planning agencies of the Department of Defense.

4. The organization provided for in paragraph 3 shall consist of:

- a. A Director appointed by the Secretary of State after consultation with other departments and agencies represented on the National Security Council.
- b. Policy Consultants representing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board.
- c. A representative of the Director of Central Intelligence shall sit with the Policy Consultants as their Intelligence Advisor. Through the Intelligence Advisor, the Central

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Intelligence Agency shall provide intelligence support for the planning and conduct of the foreign information and psychological warfare programs and shall coordinate the interdepartmental intelligence effort for these purposes.

d. A staff composed of full-time personnel representing the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and the Central Intelligence Agency. The staff shall also include a liaison representative of the National Security Resources Board, who, upon request of its Chairman, shall become a member of the staff. Liaison representation or membership from other departments and agencies of the government shall be determined by the Director after consultation with the Consultants.

5. Overt psychological warfare plans for national emergency or the initial stages of war shall provide for:

a. Coordination of overt and covert psychological warfare, censorship, and domestic information.

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- b. The employment and expansion, insofar as is feasible, of the activities and facilities which comprise the national foreign information program in order to assure rapid transition from peacetime operations.
- c. Control of the execution of approved plans and policies by the Department of Defense in theaters of military operations and by the Department of State in areas other than theaters of military operations.
- d. Transmittal of approved psychological warfare plans and policies to theater commanders through the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

6. The Secretary of State shall determine requirements for funds needed for this organization.

7. The NSC-4 and NSC-43 series are hereby superseded.

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